

Ross Through As Dry Chief In New Jersey

Doran Tells Administrator of Decision at Washing- ton Conference

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WASHINGTON—Captain Edwin S. Ross was told today by Commissioner James M. Doran that he was through as prohibition administrator for New Jersey.

His successor has not yet been chosen. For the time being William J. Calhoun will be kept on as acting administrator. More changes in the New Jersey unit are expected.

Ross is under Civil Service. He cannot be dropped without charges and none are under consideration. A place will be made for him somewhere in the prohibition unit.

It does not necessarily follow that he will be a regional administrator elsewhere though he has the qualifications because he has passed the Civil Service examinations for that post.

Ross is said to have taken his removal as New Jersey administrator pretty hard. When he returned to Newark from his vacation yesterday, he found Calhoun installed and with credentials that did not call for letting go of the job.

Knowing that Dr. Doran was due back yesterday from the Pacific Coast, Ross packed his grip and came to Washington to discuss with the commissioner his changed status. Doran did not get in until this morning, but within an hour of his arrival at his office Ross was told he was through in New Jersey.

The former New Jersey administrator thought he ought to get an extended chance to make good, but was given to understand that things had not worked out well in his office during a recent probation period of three months.

His removal was due to two causes. The first was his failure to handle the beer situation in New Jersey to the satisfaction of Dr. Doran and of Seymour Lowman, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, in charge of prohibition enforcement.

The second was that he had not been successful in keeping up the morale of the force under him, with the result that there have been disagreements, one of which ended in a fist fight.

The present status of Captain Ross is that of extended leave though his regular leave expired yesterday. He will draw his salary until he is assigned to some other position.

A further shake-up is impending in the New Jersey prohibition forces. There will be other changes including removals. It is the determination of Dr. Doran to have in that state a smoothly working and dependable enforcement machine and he expressed the view this morning that Mr. Calhoun will do much to straighten out an unsatisfactory state of affairs.

Calhoun is the head of the special agency force in New York. He has never qualified under civil service for regional prohibition administrator, however, if it should seem advisable to give Calhoun the place, vacated by Ross it could, Dr. Doran says, be done in the way of regular promotion from the service.

TOLD HE'S OUT



Captain Edwin S. Ross.

Captain Ross Back, But Not on Dry Job

Captain Edwin S. Ross, New Jersey prohibition administrator, returned today from his vacation. William J. Calhoun, acting administrator during his absence, remained at the head of the dry unit and would not say whether Captain Ross would take charge later.

Mr. Calhoun answered all questions concerning the rumored change in the administratorship by saying, "I don't know."

"The situation is the same today as it was yesterday," he said. He added that Captain Ross was at the office earlier in the day. He did not know where the captain went.

"Perhaps Captain Ross is taking a few days to get his home fixed up and some shopping done before he returns," he said. "It may be that he will take the rest of the week off and start fresh Monday."

DRY AGENTS SEIZE TWO NEWARK MEN

Found Working Over 2,000-
Gallon Still; \$2,500 Bail
Set for Each

Surprised in the early hours of yesterday morning, two Newark men were captured in Fairfield while working over a 2,000-gallon still on a farm bordering Big Piece road, in Caldwell township, dry agents reported.

The men, Rosario Monticciolo, of 310 Fourteenth avenue, and Dominick Cozzolino, of 135 Eighth avenue, were surrounded by a squad of agents who crept up silently from four sides. The agents seized a huge quantity of alcohol and equipment.

Monticciolo and Cozzolino were taken before U. S. Commissioner A. L. Friedman who placed them under \$2,500 bail each, more than twice the customary amount, because neither man was able to prove American citizenship.

JERSEY DRY LEADER FAILS TO RESUME

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 5.—Captain Edwin S. Ross, prohibition administrator for the New Jersey district, failed to resume his duties today at the termination of a month's leave of absence. It was said at his headquarters that Ross appeared at the office but left after a brief conference with Acting Deputy Commissioner William J. Calhoun, who has had charge for three weeks. When Calhoun came to New Jersey, Newark newspapers published reports that Ross would soon be relieved.

FIGHTING DRY AIDES RESTORED TO POSTS

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 4.—The reinstatement and transfer of two Federal Prohibition Enforcement agents who were suspended two weeks ago after a fist fight, was announced today by acting Deputy Prohibition Commissioner William J. Calhoun.

The two agents were Ludo C. Pickett, assistant administrator in charge of permits, and his chief inspector, Abraham Miller. Pickett was transferred to Washington and Miller to the New York unit.